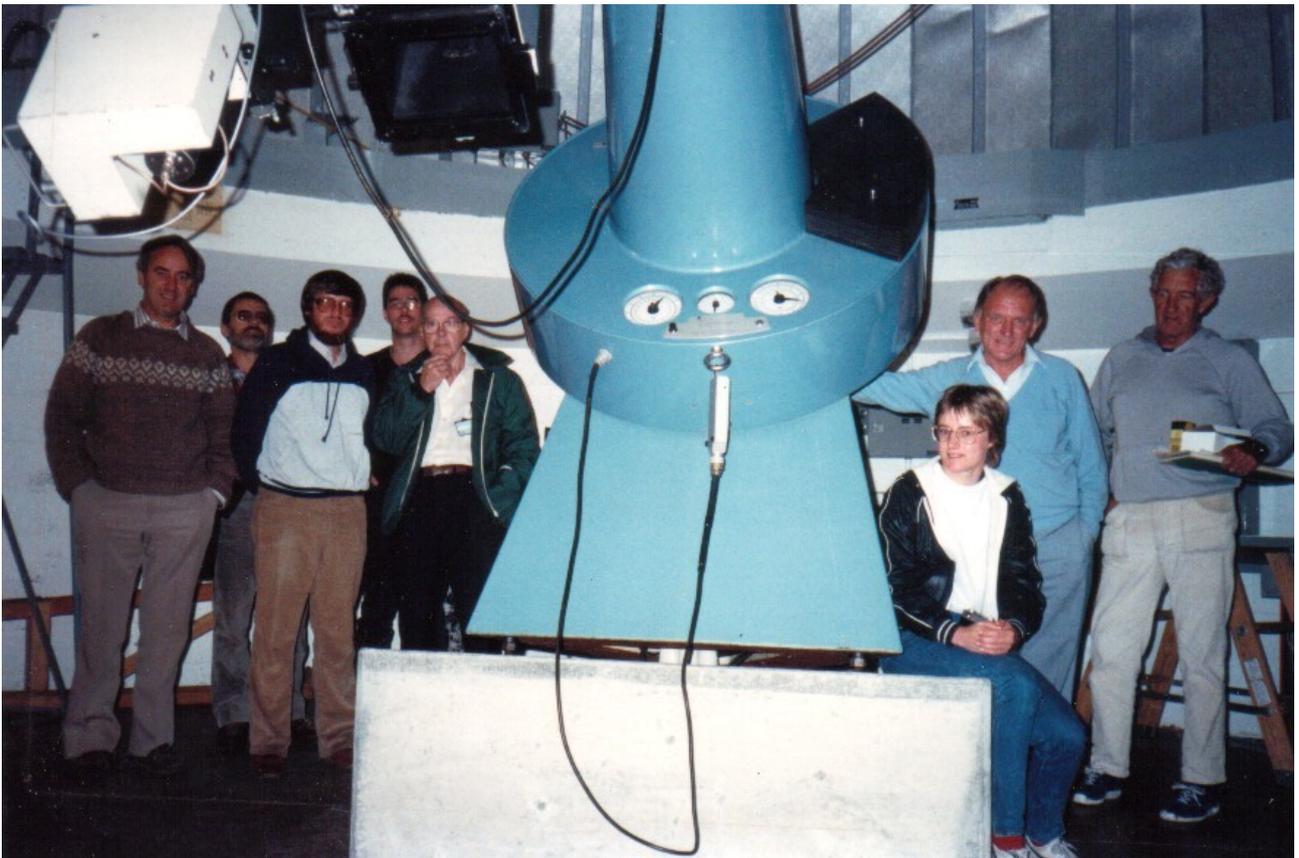


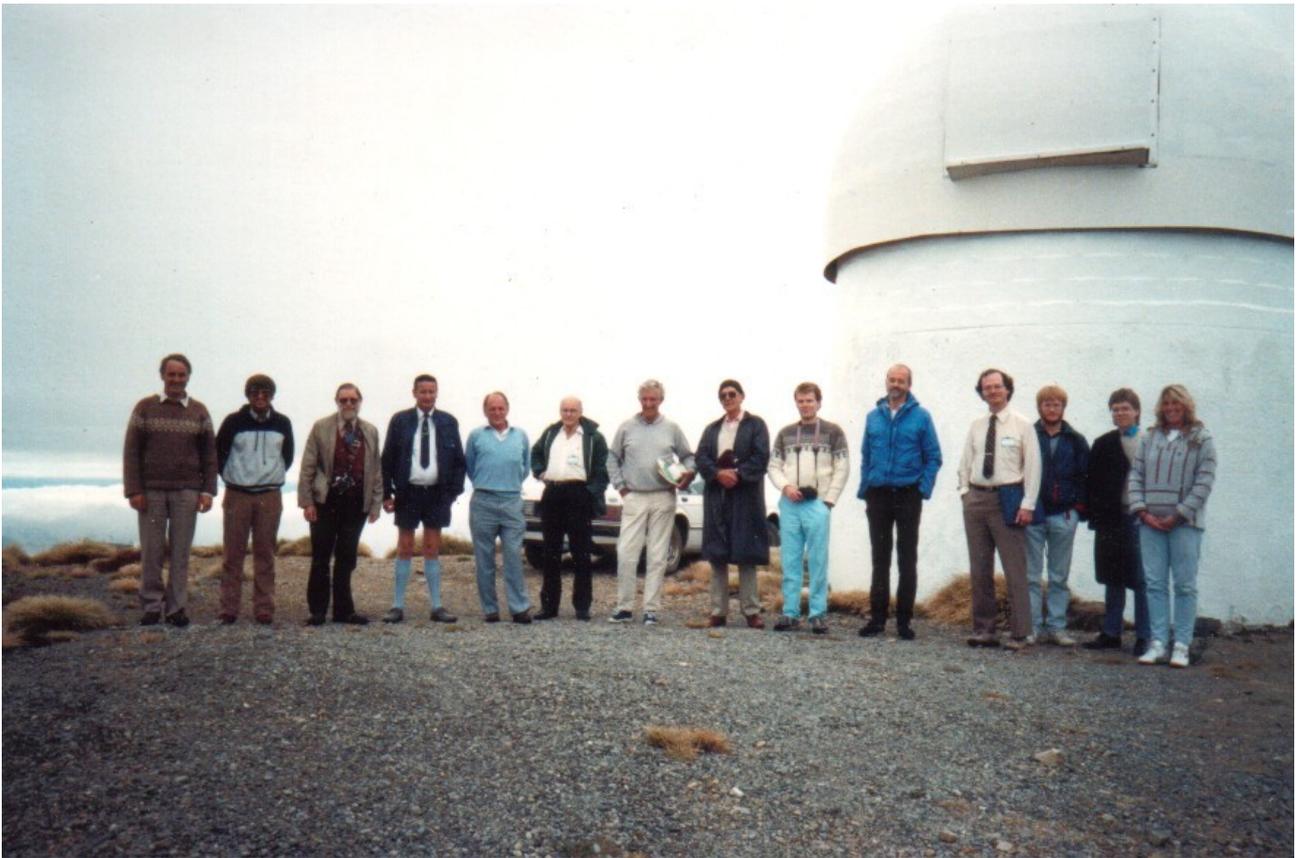
THE PHOTOELECTRIC CONFERENCES PEP 1-5

These very successful conferences were held every few years from 1976 to 1996 and were attended by variable star astronomers, mainly photometric, from a wide variety of countries.

As can be seen , not all of the time was devoted to papers and research but they were excellent examples of proam cooperation. We learnt a lot at these meetings and they helped the development of amateur observational research immensely.



Above we show some of the members of the photometry group at Black Birch in 1989. To the right are Stan Walker and Brian Marino, with a young Karen Pollard, now vice-president of Commission 27 of the IAU, Variable Stars, seated. At far left is Bill Allen, with Harry Williams slightly obscured by the control cord of the Carter Observatory's Ruth Crisp, Boller & Chivens telescope.



Above are seen other participants in PEP 3 lined up on what was a rather foggy day at Black Birch, Mt Altemarloch, 4500 feet up in the Awatere Valley in Marlborough. This is probably the best moderate altitude site in the South Island and Frank Bateson did much site testing on this mountain.



Michael Snowdon, Denis Sullivan, David Crawford, and Clive Rowe



**Denis Sullivan,
William Tobin
and Ian Bond**

**A cheerful Mike
Zeilik with
Brian Warner**



**Stan Walker,
David Crawford,
Michael Bessell
and Ed Budding**

THE FIFTH PHOTOELECTRIC CONFERENCE TOOWOOMBA 1996



A rather cheerful collection of astronomers from around the world at Toowoomba, Queensland, in 1996.

Arthur Page, in conjunction with the University of South Queensland, organised PEP 5, an enjoyable event with a field trip to various Australian optical and radio observatories.

Arthur is fourth from the left in the front row, with the author in a similar position in the next row. Many familiar faces here—even Albert Jones.